(c) and (d) The registration, investigation, detection and prevention of crime on the railways is the responsibility of the Government Railway Police which functions under the control of the State Governments/ Union Territory Administrations. Action to register, investigate and detect the crime in the present case is to be taken by the Government of Assam. The decision regarding setting up of an enquiry to probe the matter is also to be taken by the State Government.

Allocation of funds for Highways in Andhra Pradesh

880. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the allocation of funds for Highway construction in Andhra Pradesh in the Eighth Plan; and

(b) what are the demands of Andhra Pradesh Government for funds from Central Government in Eighth Plan?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI K. P. UNNIKRISHNAN): (a) As the Eighth Five Year Plan has not been finalised, allocation of funds is not available.

(b) The State Government has not yet submitted proposals for Central Sector Road Schemes.

Major cable fault affecting telephone, Telex, etc. in Tardeo area of Bombay

881. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether his attention has been drawn to the report appearing in Mid Day, Bombay, on Saturday, April, 14, 1990; about a major cable fault in Tardeo area of Bombay, affecting telephone, telex and teleprinter lines and stating that the chief P.R.O. of M.T.N.L. was not aware of this problem;

(b) if so, what action is proposed to be taken to quickly rectify such faults; and

(c) what steps are proposed to be taken by Government to provide better service and more positive response from the M.T.N.L. personnel?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) and (b) Yes Sir, a news item had appeared in this regard.

Apart from existing measure, computerisation of fault repair service and automatic testing and monitoring system for leased circuits are some new steps contemplated for early detection of such faults and thereby quicker rectification.

(c) Several Human Resources Development programmes and trainings to improve the communication with the Public have been undertaken by MTNL. This is an ongoing process.

Fire hazardous buildings in Delhi

882. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are a large number of Government and other buildings in Delhi which are fire hazardous and require adequate fire-fighting arrangements to be installed;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the warning notices issued from time to time by the Delhi Fire Services are totally ignored; and

(c) if so, what effective steps Government are taking in respect of Government buildings in view of the recent fire which broke out in Vigyan Bhawan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY):

(a) There are 153 high-rise buildings without adequate inbuilt fire safety measures.

(b) As a result of the action initiated, 37 buildings have provided 12 point fire safety measures and some others have completed 10-11-points.

(c) Government have created a separate Division in the CPWD to speed up the process of installation of essential safety measure in the Government buildings.

स्वतंत्रता सेनानियों की पेंशन तथा रेल का पास दिया जाना

883. **श्री शंकर दयाल सिंह** : क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) देश मे उन स्वतंत्रता सेनानियों की राज्यवार सदस्यता कितनी हैं जिन्हें पेंशन तथा रेल पासों की सुविधा प्रदान की गई है ; और

(ख) क्या सरकार के ध्यान मे हाल ही में ऐसे कुछ मामल आये हैं जिनमें लोगों न वर्ती दस्तावेज प्रस्तुत करके यह सुविधायें ले ली हैं; यदि हां, तो उनके नाम क्या क्या है तथा इस संबध मे अन्य ब्यौरा क्या हैं ?

गृह मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री सुबोध कांत सहाय) : (क) 31 मार्च, 1990 तक 1,55,867 व्यक्तियों की स्वतंत्रता सेनानी पेंशन मंजूर की गई है । स्वतंत्रता सेनानियों, जिन्हें पेंशन मंजूर की गई है, की राज्यवार संख्या को दर्शाने वाला एवं विवरण संलग्न हैं । (नीचे देखिये) केन्द्रीय पेंशन पाने वाले स्वतंत्रता सेनानियों को रेलवे पास जारी करने के योजना का संचालन रेल मंत्रालय द्वारा किया जाता है । फरवरी, 1990 तक रेल मंत्रालय द्वारा 1,26,425 स्वतंत्रता सेनानियों को रेलवे पास जारी किये हैं । गृह मंत्रालय के पास राज्यवार जानकारी उपलब्ध नहीं हैं ।

(ख) गृह मंत्रालय की जानकारी मे कुछ ऐसे मामले आये है जिनमें यह आरोप लगाया गया है कि दल बदल प्रस्तुत करके स्वतंत्रता सेनानी पेंशन की सुविधाएं प्राप्त की गई है । इन मामलों के संबंध मे जानकारी इकट्ठी की जा रही हैं ।

Statement

Number of State-wise freedom fighters who have been sanctioned persion as on 31-3-1990

Name of State and Union Territories	Number of freedom fighters who have been sanctioned pension.
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1. Andhra Pradesh	9663
2. Assam	4314
3. Bihar	23993
4. Gujarat	3513
5. Goa	872
6. Haryana	1493
7. Himachal Pradesh	477